

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : RUEGER et al.  
Serial No. : To be assigned  
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRIVING A  
PIEZOELECTRIC FUEL INJECTOR ELEMENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follow:

3. (Amended) The apparatus as defined in claim 2, characterized in that the triac is driven by two transistors.
9. (Amended) The method as defined in claim 7, characterized in that driving a triac drive circuit includes charging and discharging the circuit.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Respectfully submitted,

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3. (Amended) The apparatus as defined in claim 2 [or 3], characterized in that the triac is driven by two transistors.
9. (Amended) The method as defined in claim 7 [or 8], characterized in that driving a triac drive circuit includes charging and discharging the circuit.

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